

Virginia Wastewater Surveillance Program: Community of Practice Meeting

WWS Team VDH | Office of Environmental Health Services January 26, 2022

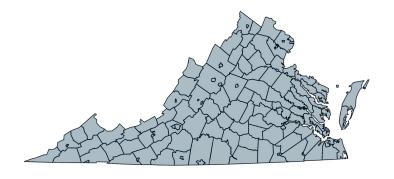


Agenda

- **□** Updates & Funding Opportunities (5 mins)
- ☐ Topic(s) of Interest (15 mins):
 - ★ Sentinel Monitoring Results
 - ★ Dashboard Development
- □ Open Discussion (5-10 mins)



Sentinel Monitoring Updates

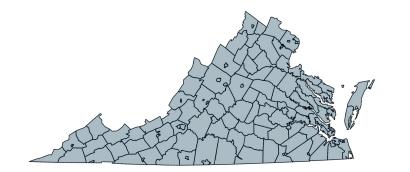


Weekly SARS-CoV-2 monitoring at influent to 25 wastewater treatment plants statewide started on September 13: 20 weeks!

- Weekly results sharing with:
 - Utilities
 - Health Department Partners
 - Environmental Health Managers
 - DCIPHER
 - Internal-facing Dashboard
- Variant Detection/Sequencing to begin soon!

Funding Opportunities

- CDC-WEF Free Autosampler Program
 - At least 225 small utilities will be selected
 - Still accepting <u>applications!</u>
 - Link to <u>application portal</u>
- CDC-LuminUltra Commercial Sampling
 - Still enrolling new utilities
 - Must not be currently involved in CDC NWSS
 - Sampling: twice/week
- Localized Projects
 - Application live!

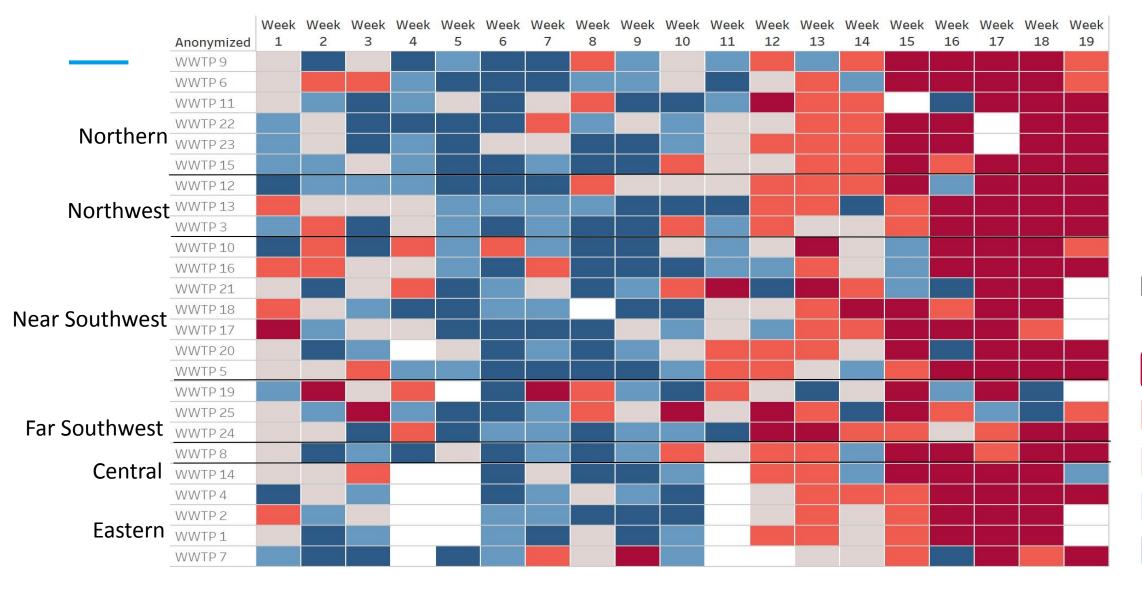


Sentinel Monitoring Results



Weekly Trend 1 Week Trend Below Detection Decrease Increase No Trend Available Maryland Plateau **INCREASE** District of Columbia West Delay Virginia **PLATEAU DECREASE** Virginia **13 BELOW DETECTION NO TREND AVAILABLE** 6 © 2022 Mapbox © OpenStreetMap

Site-Specific Percentiles



Percentile Range

80-100

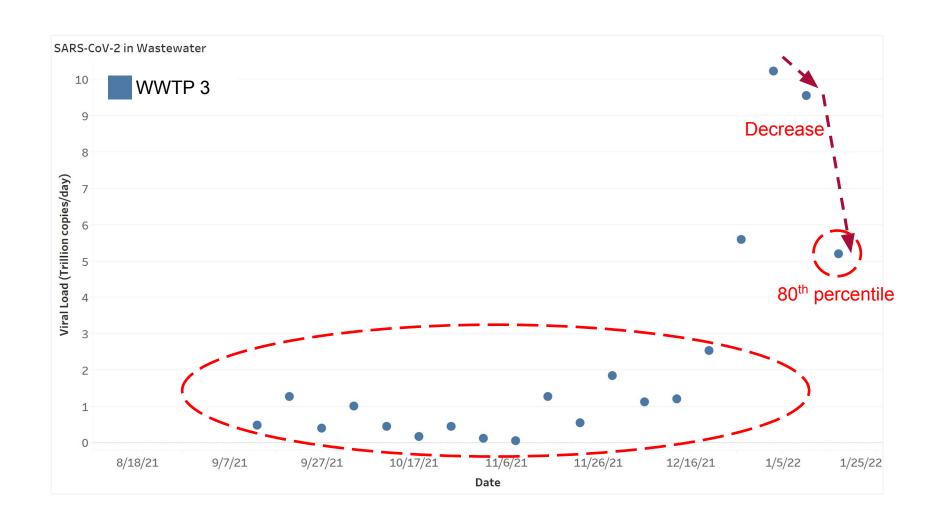
60-79.9

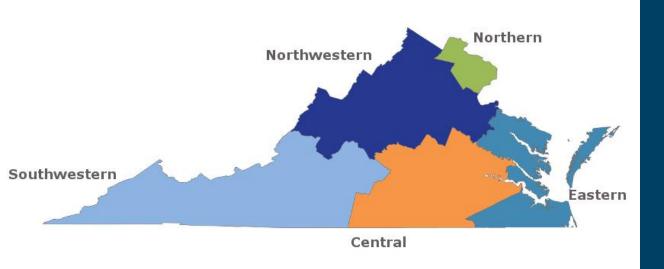
40-59.9

20-39.9

0-19.9

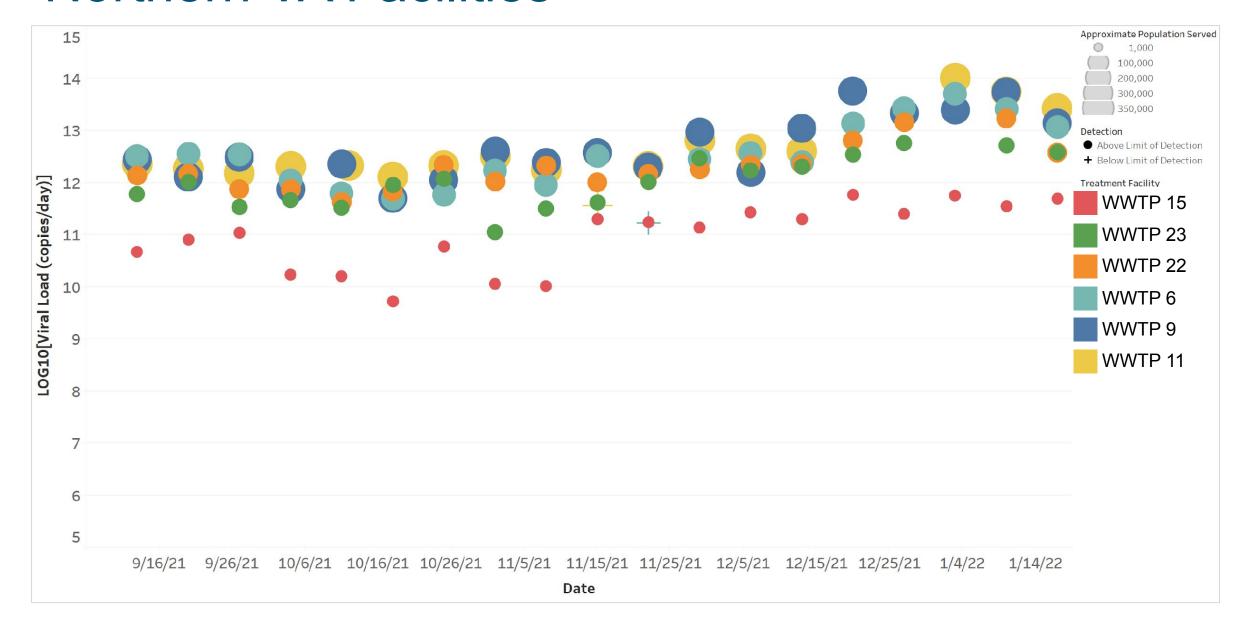
Example of Decreasing Trend & 80th Percentile



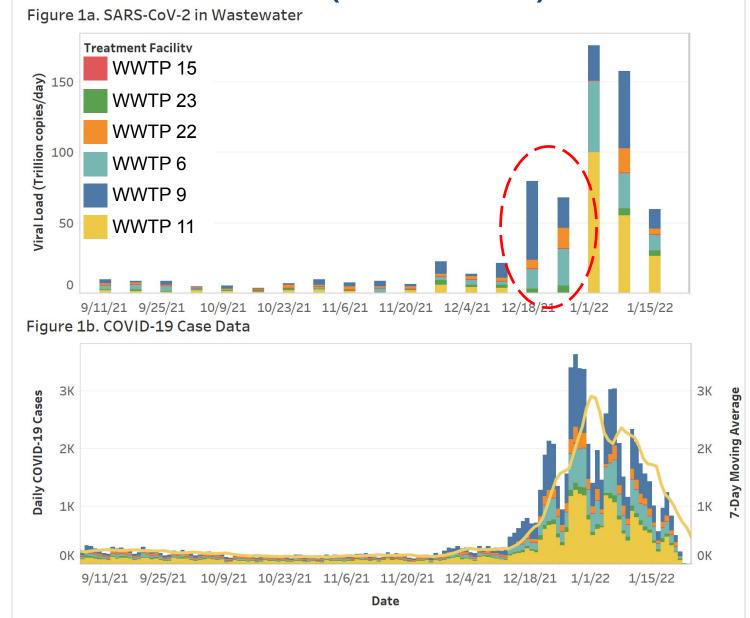


Sentinel Monitoring Results by Region

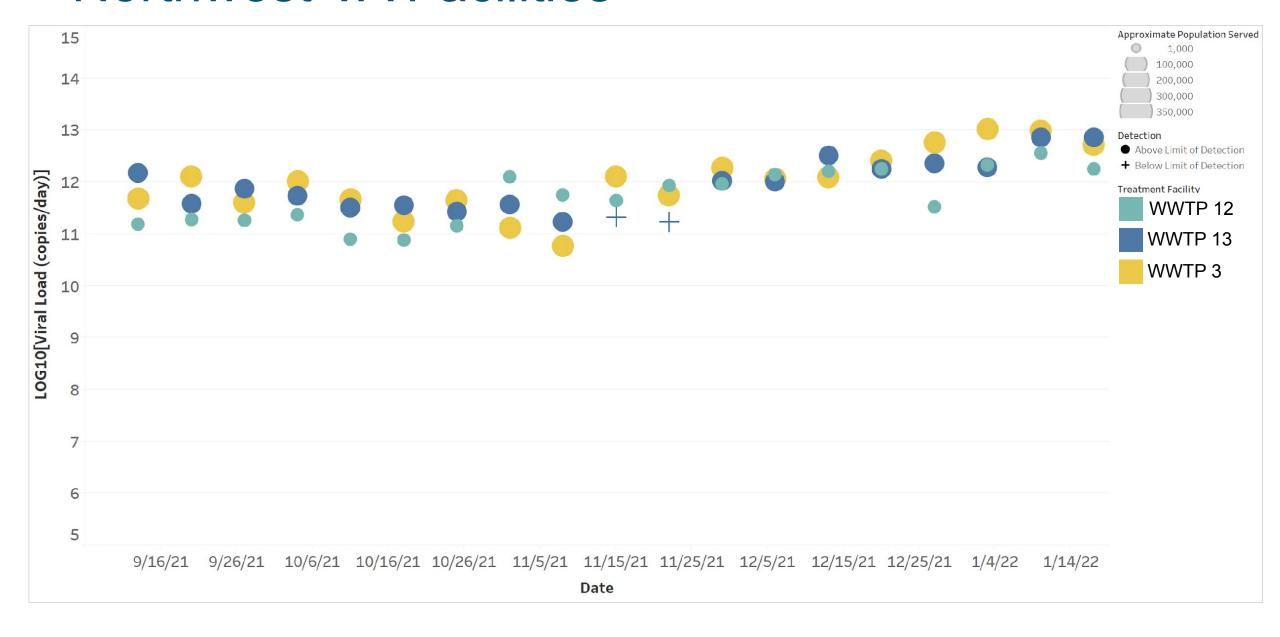
Northern VA Facilities



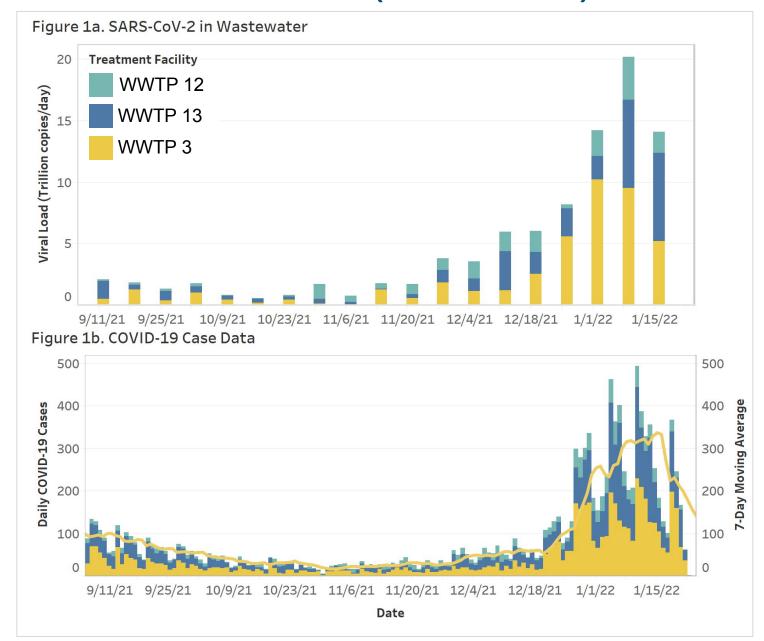
Northern VA Facilities (Stacked)



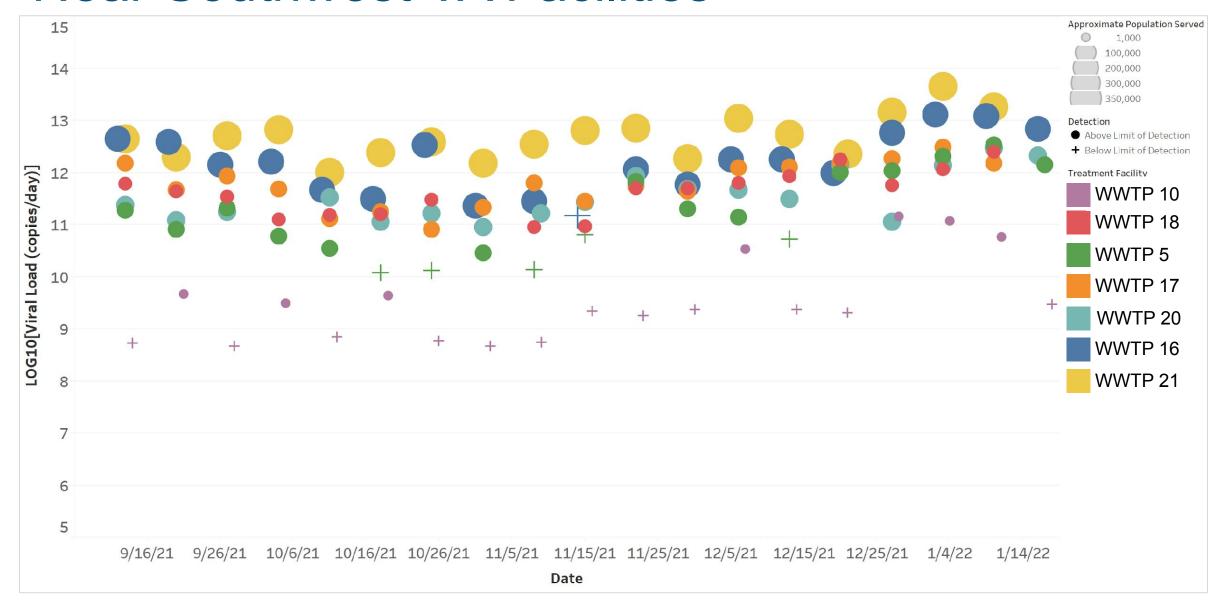
Northwest VA Facilities



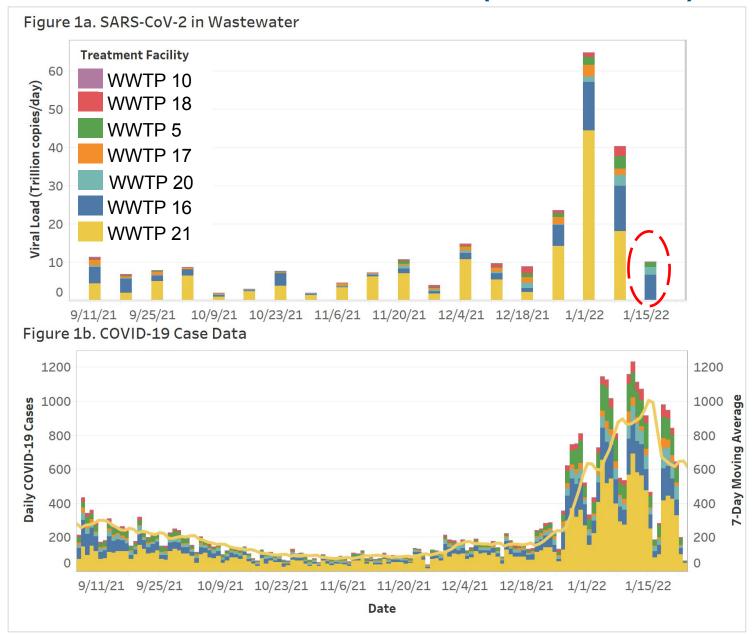
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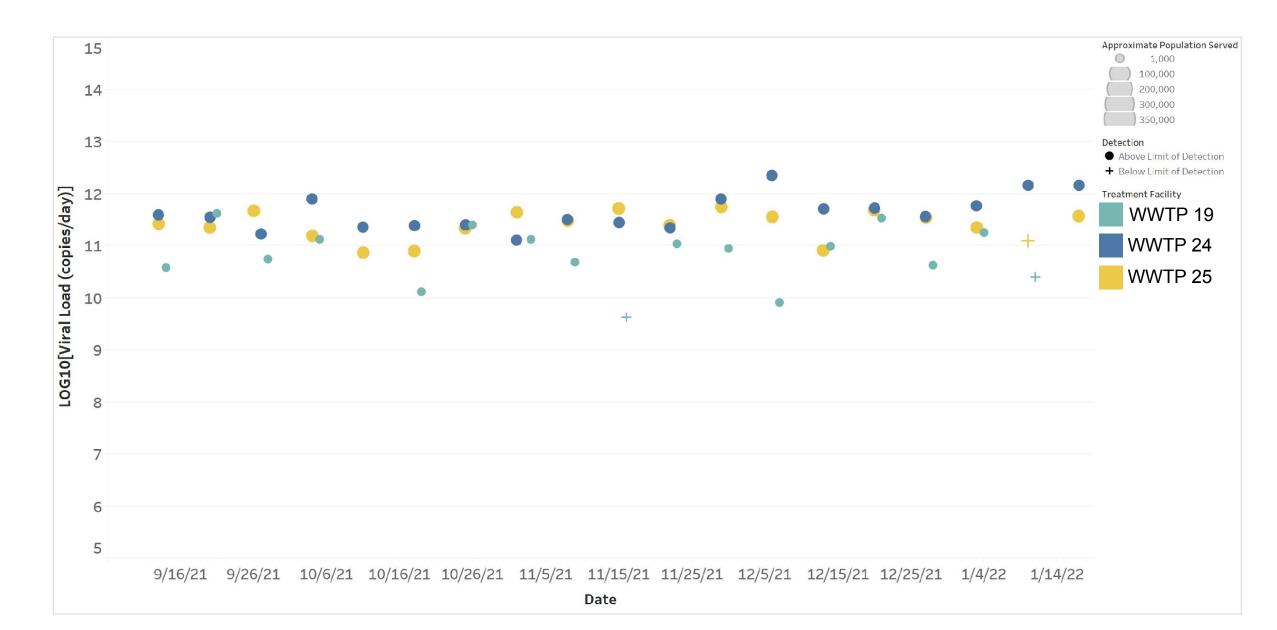
Near Southwest VA Facilities



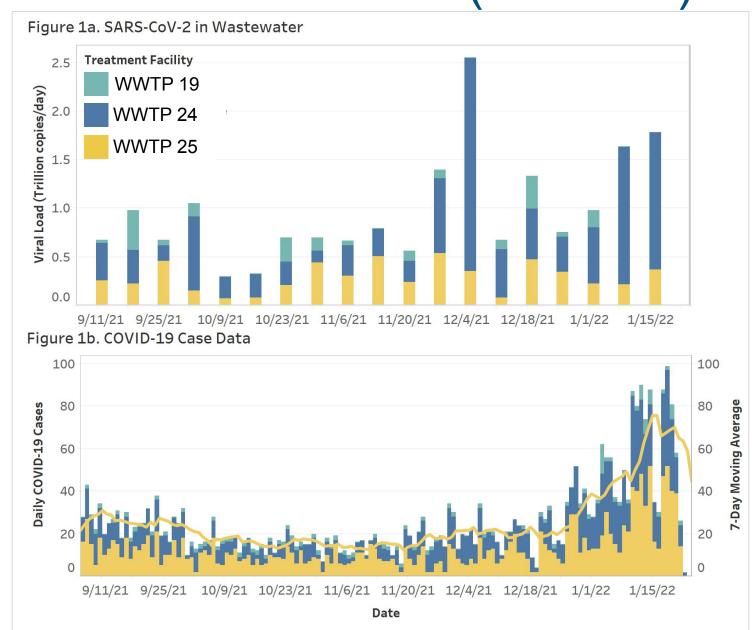
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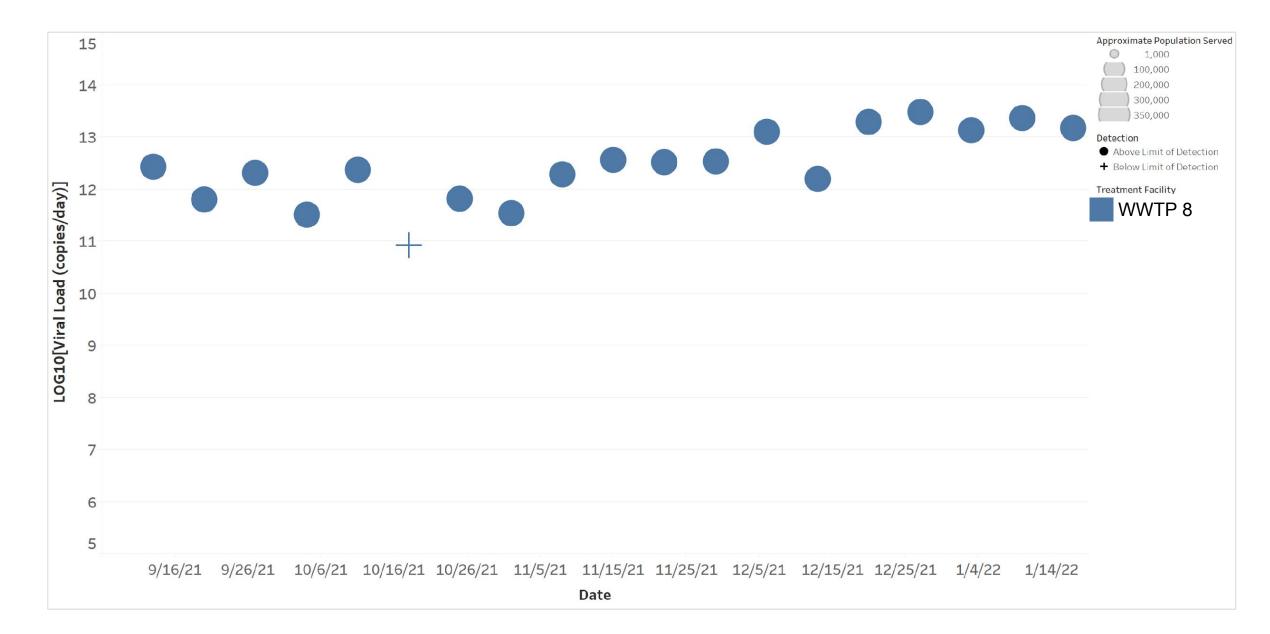
Far Southwest VA Facilities



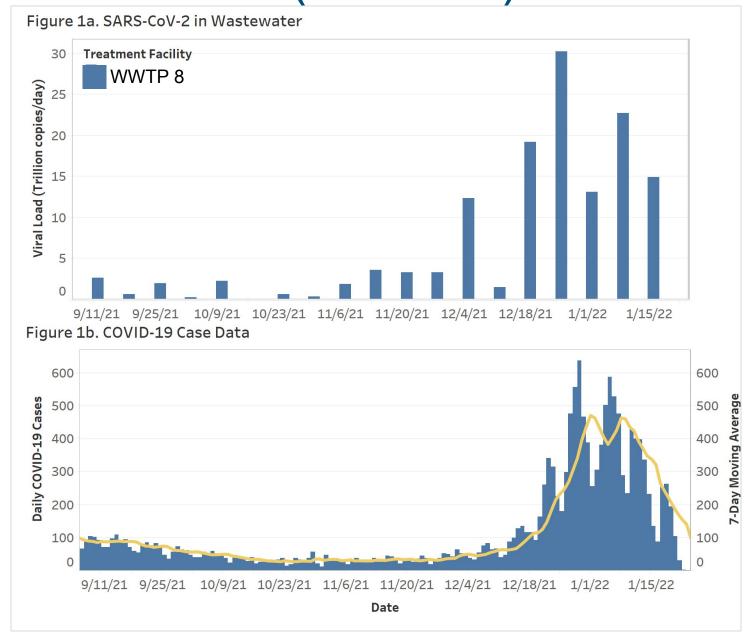
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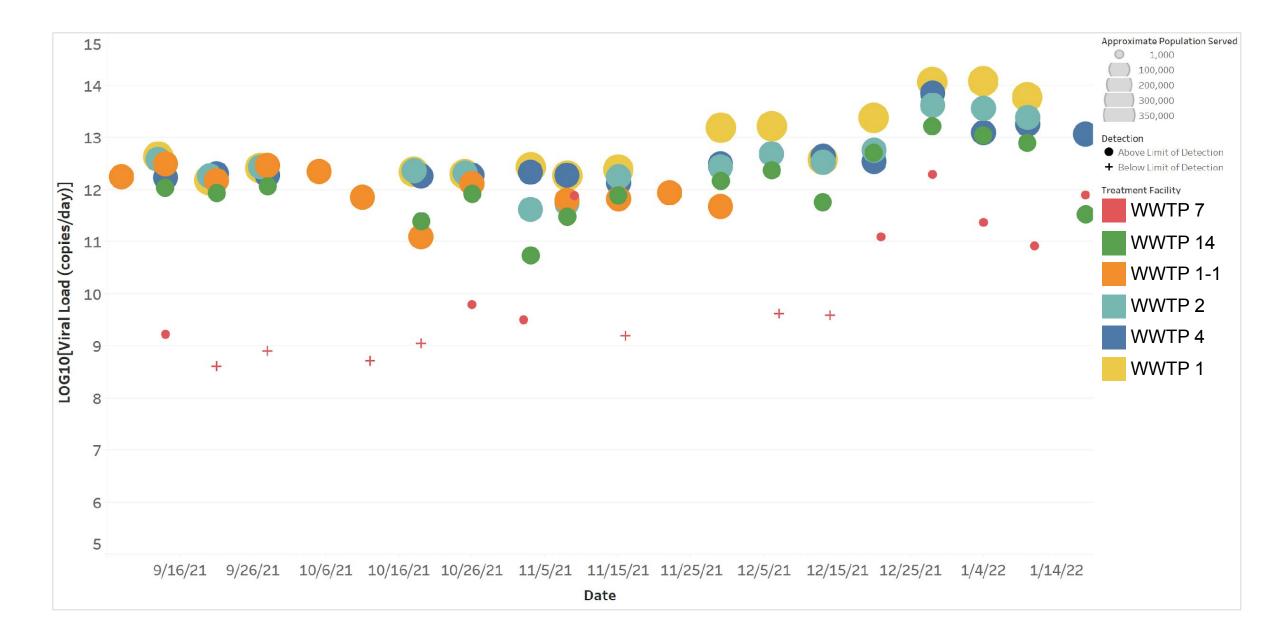
Central VA Facilities



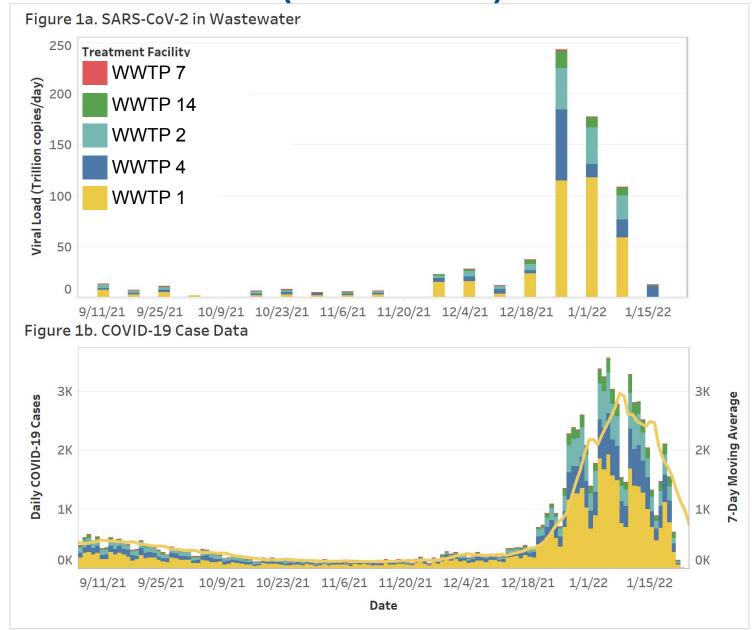
Central VA Facilities (Stacked)



Eastern VA Facilities



Eastern VA Facilities (Stacked)



Dashboard

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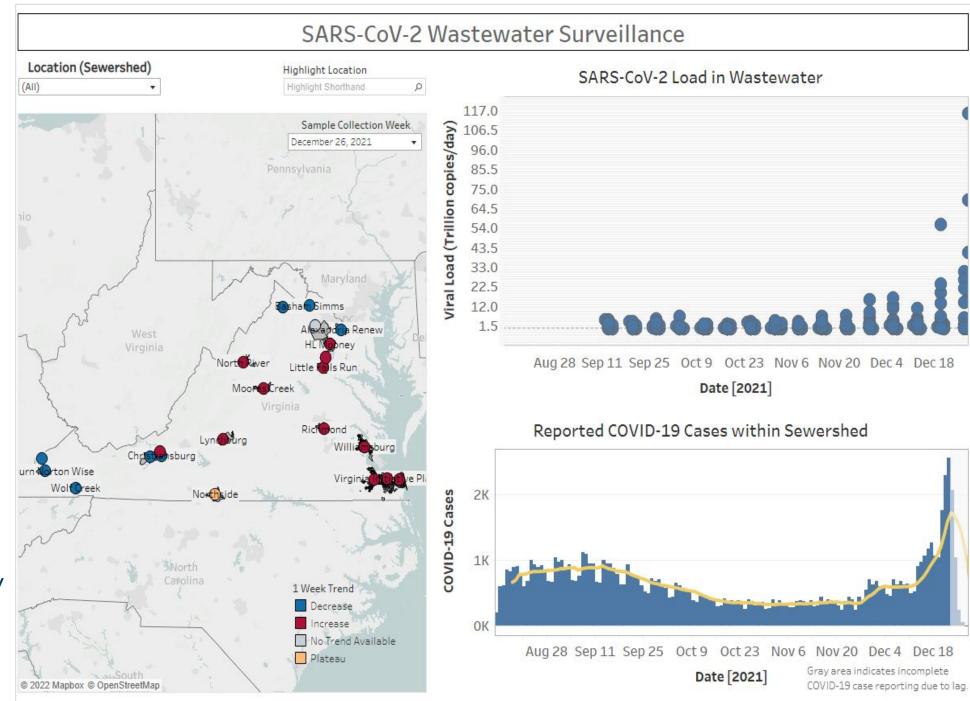
- VDH-internal only
- Development phase
- Public health partners

Soon:

- Public-facing
- Updated weekly
- VDH Insights

Data Shown:

- Shapefile boundary
- WWS site data
- Sewershed cases



Key Takeaways

- Viral loads decreased/plateaued at most sites in week 19!
- Viral loads are still historically high (i.e., not as low as they have been in the past)
 - Most are still in the 80th percentile
- Viral loads and sewershed cases appear to track well



Questions & Open Discussion

THANK YOU.

See you next month!

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